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SPECIAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals from Government of Chhattisgarh regarding Special Rural Development Projects are lying pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c): Since inception of the scheme, 21 proposals for Special Projects under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) have been received by the Ministry of Rural Development from the Government of Chhattisgarh. Out of 21 proposals, 6 projects have been sanctioned/approved so far, 6 project proposals have been returned to the concerned State Governments or other sponsoring agencies for various reasons and 9 project proposals are with the Government at various stages of processing including proposals cleared by Project Screening Committee but yet to go to Project Approval Committee etc.

A large number of special project proposals under SGSY are received from State Governments and other Agencies for sanction. Since they are large livelihoods projects whose cost can go up to a maximum of Rs. 15 crore, such proposals are first scrutinized for their compliance with the guidelines of Special Projects under SGSY. Projects that do not fulfill these requirements are returned to the concerned State Governments. The State Governments keep on revising, restructuring and resubmitting such proposals. The project proposals which comply with the basic parameters of the guidelines are then appraised through two Inter-Ministerial Committees for screening and approval. These Committees are Project Screening Committee (PSC) and Project Approval Committee. Receipt of project proposals, their revision by the sponsoring State Governments and their appraisal and approval through the above two tier Inter Ministerial Committees is a continuous process. It is also proposed to revise the existing guidelines of special projects under SGSY to bring them in line with present priorities. Since appraisal and approval /clearance of proposals is a continuous process and depend on various factors like their fulfilling the prescribed guidelines, economic viability of the proposals, BPL focus of projects, etc., no time frame can be indicated for final clearance of such project proposals.